

***TOWN OF NEWFIELDS BOARD OF SELECTMEN
MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2009***

Present: Selectmen Michael Woodworth, Rosanne Gilbert, and Wes Moore. Others present included: Brian Knipstein, Chief Reed, Clay Mitchell, Fran Lane, and Nancy Spencer.

Call to order: The meeting was called to order at 6:44pm by Chairman Moore.

A discussion took place about the strip of land at Route 85 and Route 87 and who owns it. Wes volunteered to take the lead on this and also the issue with the swales on Old Lee Road.

A Runaway Road resident spoke to the road agent about a culvert under his driveway heaving during the winter and has asked the Town to make any necessary repairs. The Town has a drainage easement on the property, but does not own the culvert. Brian Knipstein will speak with the owner and let him know that repairs are his responsibility.

Chief Reed reported that during the speed checks this past weekend a sea captain was stopped for a minor infraction. The stop resulted in an arrest for being an un-registered sex offender and there were multiple outstanding warrants under a number of aliases from a variety of towns. The person ended up in jail and court.

The meeting went into a non-public session at 7:00pm per RSA 91-A:III – litigation matters – security matters. The meeting re-opened to the public at 7:20pm.

Some residents of Halls Mill Road went to the Planning Board to look for relief with alleged noise and safety concerns. Clay Mitchell advised the Planning Board cannot take up the issue of changing zoning ordinances until the fall. Even if an ordinance were to be put into place to prohibit shooting, the specific actions that are being complained about may be grandfathered and not subject to any new ordinance.

Alison Watts, chair of the Conservation Committee, will ask the property owner if she may inspect the land with regard to a complaint of lead bullets polluting land and water. If she is allowed to inspect the land, she will send a letter with her findings.

Clay advised that he will be attending the Brownfield's Seminar on June 24th. The information discussed may help the town apply for and receive additional grants. It may also help the town take property with tax liens that have pollution. A Brownsfield grant would help with the cleanup of the area and make it suitable for sale. The land could then go back on the tax rolls.

Rosanne and Clay discussed having a ribbon cutting ceremony at the new Dunkin Donuts. They hope to arrange to have the Dunkin Donuts' owner, Selectmen, Planning Board Chairman, and Clay participate in the ceremony.

The meeting went into a non-public session at 7:30pm per RSA 91-A:3 III. The meeting returned to a public session at 9:20pm.

Checks were signed. One Abatement Application was signed.

The office computers were discussed. They are at least 10 years old and should be updated. This would help the office staff become more efficient. Monitors are not needed. Nancy was asked to research the cost to replace the cpu's (along with help from Sue) along with the cost to install the specific software currently being utilized.

Chief Reed shared a letter he received from the Town of Epping concerning the assistance that Newfields Officer Nate Liebenow gave at an accident scene with serious injury. Officer Liebenow was off duty at the time but stopped and provided aid to the victim until an ambulance arrived. The letter is attached at the end of the minutes. The Selectmen commend Officer Liebenow and are grateful to have him working for the town.

The New Hampshire Retirement System sent a "Special Notice" regarding the rules when/if hiring someone who is collecting retirement money. This notice was shared with the Police Department.

The Planning Board corrected their meeting minutes of May 21, 2009 to reflect that the Planning Board "suggested that Main Street Art ask the Selectmen to write a letter requesting more signage".

A Notice of Violation was received from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services regarding the water quality.

The New Hampshire Department of Transportation sent an acknowledgement of receipt of a driveway permit for 75 Main Street.

Correspondence from Clean Air Cool Planet was reviewed.

The Town received an invitation from the Town of Hampton to attend a meeting regarding single stream recycling. Wes is aware of this and is handling it. Single stream recycling is a more efficient way of collecting recyclables.

An estimate was received to scrape, glaze, prime, and paint a total of 14 windows and the outside doors of the Town Hall. This was tabled until the fall to see what amount is available in the general government building line.

Nancy received a thank you from the Town of Madbury for her assistance with office procedures and the personnel policy.

Wes spoke with Larry Arend who asked to borrow tables from the town hall for his road race. Larry said he has been doing this for ten years. The Selectmen agreed that he may borrow the tables this year. Next year a new policy should be in force which may require a deposit to borrow tables &/or chairs from the town. An insurance Binder was received from Larry Arend. However, the Town requires a Certificate of Insurance naming the Town of Newfields as an additional insured.

A Health Alert was received with regard to Swine Flu/H1N1.

The Town dock has been repaired and is in the water. The Selectmen thank the Town Landing Overseer and the many volunteers who worked on this project.

Rosanne made a motion to accept the minutes of the June 2, 2009 meeting as written. Michael seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Wes made a motion to have Dragon Mosquito begin adulticiding (spraying from a roadside truck) and to advise the Board when additional adulticiding is needed. Rosanne seconded the motion and the motion passed with all in favor.

Notices with the date and time of the spraying will be posted in various spots around town, in the Exeter Newsletter, and to the residents that signed up to receive e-mail from the Town Office.

Rosanne made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:40pm. Michael seconded the motion. The motion passed with all in favor.

Respectfully submitted,

Nancy J. Spencer
Administrative Assistant